

**Jury Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

**July 16, 2010
Minutes**

1. Attendance. The following Committee members were present: George Biddlecome, Christopher Burnham, Thomas Cannon, Brent Dickson, Clay Kellerman, Robert Kirsch, Louis Rosenberg, and Fran Gull, Chair.
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman and Tom Carusillo provided the Committee with staff assistance.
3. Approval of minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the May 2010 minutes.
4. Update on proposed rule amendments. The Committee received a report that the proposals for Jury Rules 20 and 26 were adopted and made effective on July 1. The proposal for Jury Rule 4 is still being considered and the Committee should know more in the fall.
5. Discussion on possible amendment to Trial Rule 5. The Committee was asked to review Trial Rule 51 as it relates to jury instructions and the interaction with the Jury Rules on the same subject. The Committee discussed the issue and would like the provisions of Trial Rule 51 to be consistent with the Jury Rules by referring them to the specific rules to maintain consistency. The Committee learned there was already a proposal to amend Trial Rule 51 and that the Committee could communicate its position by way of comment to that proposal. The Committee requested staff communicate their comments.
6. Update on Jury Pool Project. The Committee received a report that the technical staff are working on merging the source lists. The Committee asked if there was a way to flag the Amish population on the list, but staff noted that the state entities do not collect the necessary data to identify those records. The Committee also discussed the recent Court of Appeals decision, *Bond v. State*, 71A03-0910-CR-457.
7. Benchbook materials. The Committee reviewed the forms for the Capital Case section and approved it for publication. The Committee then reviewed the Trial Management section. The Committee discussed the contents of the section and requested that this section contain an overview of this area and include checklists, scripts, oaths, etc. to assist judges with this area (i.e. child oaths, interpreter, juror questions forms/procedures, addressing juror accommodations). They also suggested referencing other publications as needed for this section. The Committee also reviewed an outline of the Jury Selection section. The Committee asked that sample questionnaires be included and information on addressing failures to appear with sample letters.
8. 2010 Meeting Schedule. The remaining meetings for 2010 include:
Friday, October 8 at 10 a.m.
All meetings will be held at the Indiana Judicial Center and meeting times are listed as Indianapolis time.

Respectfully submitted,

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